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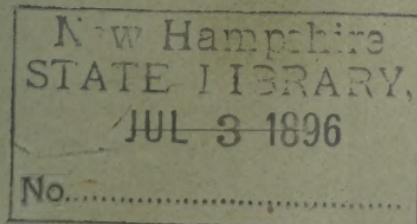
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TOWN OFFICERS.

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Town Clerk—EPES J. CALLEY.

Town Treasurer—CHARLES J. GOULD.

Selectmen—PLUMMER FOX, AMASA W. AVERY, GEORGE P. COOK.

Overseer Poor—GEORGE P. COOK.

Auditors—FRANK W. RUSSELL, EDSON R. SMYTHE.

Supervisors—GEORGE W. LITTLE, JAMES A. PENNIMAN, MOSES A. FERRIN.

Collector—WARREN W. WILKINSON.

Superintendent Cemeteries—AMASA W. AVERY.

Liquor Agent—PRENTICE H. CRAWFORD.

Police Officers—SMITH PIPER, S. M. MORSE, GEORGE H. CORLISS, TIMOTHY E. BAYLEY.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber—JOHN S. ROLLINS, S. M. MORSE, H. L. SARGENT, THOMAS F. GLYNN, HARRISON PHILBRICK, C. A. FELLOWS, JAMES A. PENNIMAN, O. G. SMITH, MARTIN MERRILL, H. C. CURRIER, B. F. ST. CLAIR, JOHN NUTTING, GEORGE W. GARLAND, S. M. SPENCER, WILLIAM H. ADAMS.

Fish and Game Warden—WALTER H. SARGENT.

Culler of Staves—HENRY CUMMINGS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—P. FOX.

Fence Viewers—WM. H. ADAMS, MARTIN MERRILL, W. A. ROBERTS.

Firewards—MIRON W. HAZELTINE, B. F. ST. CLAIR, JOHN T. CUTTER.

INVENTORY.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN AS BY INVOICE TAKEN APRIL 1ST,
1886.

87	440 polls at 100 each,	46,900.00	\$44,000 00
169	Resident real estate,	521,042.00	515,362 00
311	Non-resident real estate,	107,100.00	12,890 00
106	301 horses,	192,060.00	20,160 00
388	84 oxen,	48,220.00	3,700 00
181	386 cows,	95,360.00	9,626 00
558	175 other meat stock,	30,900.00	3,028 00
29	393 sheep,	14,560.00	1,136 00
53	39 hogs,	144.00	206 00
	52 carriages,	30,600.00	2,680 00
	Stock in banks,	41,100.00	35,200 00
	Money on hand,	19.00.00	900 00
	Stock in trade,	661,300.00	57,650 00
	Mills and machinery,	35,000.00	2,900 00
		<u>732,796.00</u>	<u>\$709,438 00</u>

116 dogs, *10.892.120*

The rate was \$1.15 on a hundred dollars of the valuation.

Rate of highway was 50 cts on a hundred dollars.

The rate in fire district was \$1.34 on a hundred dollars.

REPORT.

AMOUNT MONEY RAISED BY TAX FOR 1886.

State tax,	1792 00	179
County tax,	1801 68	180
Schools,	2818 00	246
School houses,	800 00	50
School house furniture, <i>School Incidental</i>	150 00	10
Fire district,	550 00	113
School district No. 2,	300 00	300
Lighting streets,	300 00	35
Decorating soldiers gaves,	75 00	75
Tax on 116 dogs	116 00	120
Surplusage,	440 94	420
Non-resident highway tax,	64 45	70
Non-resident fire and school district No. 2, <i>Fireman</i>	3 30	5
Unpaid highway taxes for 1885, <i>Highway Tax</i>	241 52	100
Committed to W. W. Wilkinson for collection,	9452 89	3587

We have drawn 152 orders on Town Treasurer amounting to \$10440 34 making payments as follows:

EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Board of Education,	4963 35
For printing school report,	26 25
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	4989 60
Amount raised by tax,	3768 00
Literary from state,	244 00
Bal. of dog money not used,	52 60
Amount left last year for school house,	925 00
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	4989 60

FIRE DISTRICT.

Paid fire wards,	750 00
Amount raised by tax,	550 00
Left over last year,	200 00
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	750 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for lighting streets and bridges,	301 00
J. A. Samborn, certificate births and deaths 1885,	2 25
Burleigh & Adams, services in liquor cases, 1885,	75 00
E. L. Smith, breaking roads to March 23, '86,	19 12
D. M. Lufkin, " " "	16 69
Robinson LeBarron, " " "	9 60
M. W. Hazeltine, printing bribery laws,	2 75
Frank M. Fogg, breaking roads to March 26, '86,	1 50
William J. Ames, " " " 27, "	11 37
Fred R. Blodgett, " " " 31, "	1 25
E. L. Smith, " " April 9, '86,	5 87
Manson R. York, work on highway to April 9, '86,	1 50
Burleigh & Adams, Attys., land damage for land for new road on J. M. Young land,	25 00
S. M. Morse, cutting out snow drifts,	5 25
Otis Young, winter road across field,	4 00
Timothy E. Bayley, work on hearse house doors, etc.,	2 50
Robinson LeBarron, cutting out drifts April '86,	1 50
Edgar Merrill, breaking roads and rails, to April 21'86,	8 92
H. L. Sargent, " " "	17 50
H. W. Clay, work on highway and damage to plow,	7 37
M. W. Hazeltine, printing town reports,	12 00
Jeff Pevier, work on highway,	2 34
F. H. Weeks, street lamp and post bought,	6 25
I. B. Sanborn, bill blank books,	20 40
Simeon Eastman, moving lobby,	12 00
Orrin W. Fletcher, extra work on highway to May,	31 95
Willis Kidder, " " " "	19 74
M. S. Brown, decorating soldiers grave,	75 00
W. A. Burns, endorsed on S. Cheney note,	30 00
W. F. Langdon, putting water into hearse house,	9 20
Burleigh & Adams, use of Town Hall for '85,	55 00
Thomas Pressey, for use of land for lobby,	15 50
John C. Berry, work on Kidders bridge abutments,	41 12
Arthur Nichols, taking care highway Dist. No. 6,	12 50
W. J. Ames, damage to wagon,	2 50
Edgar Merrill, over work on highway,	5 70

Paid George Tyler, repairs on road machine,	11 35
Chas. Spalding, for bridge plank,	13 75
David W. Gibson, over work and drawing stone for Kidders bridge,	17 84
M. W. Hazeltine, printing notices for Board Health,	10 00
C. E. Barker, lighting and work on Kidder bridge,	1 25
J. A. Cummings, extra work on highway,	13 46
W. A. Roberts, printing notices,	1 50
For quilts and mattresses for lobby,	2 35
P. Fox for tiling used in Dist. No. 2 in '84,	361 57
John Keniston for surveying streets,	2 00
Geo. A. Brown, for making guide boards,	2 00
Chas. Spalding, for plank,	13 20
Geo, H. Corliss, police service at Fair,	4 00
W. W. Wilkinson part pay as collector for '86,	100 00
S. M. Morse, police service at Fair and Circus,	5 00
E. L. Smith, work on highway caused by washouts,	15 39
S. W. Davis, land damage for sewer,	5 00
G. F. Ellis, painting guide boards,	8 00
Wm. Harriman, breaking roads in 1885-86,	6 12
Willis Kidder, extra work on highway from washouts,	2 25
Methodist Society, land rent for hearse house, etc.,	20 00
W. W. Wilkinson, printing tax bills,	2 50
C. A. Lewis, water trough,	3 00
Smith Rowe, " " to April 1st, 87,	3 00
T. J. Adams, " " to years Mar. 1st, '87,	6 00
E. A. Moulton, " "	1 50
Mrs. Charles Hazelton, " "	1 50
J. A. Samborn, certificates of births and deaths, in 1886,	2 25
Guy Melvin, damage and expense on account of no road,	1 50
John Nutting, for plank for highway,	14 35
H. S. Woodbury, for care of town clock,	15 00
J. A. Penniman, paid for work on Hoyt hill cutting bushes, etc.,	83 55
Burleigh & Adams, council fees and services on bridge case and liquor cases,	391 52
Town of Campton one-third expense of showing commissioners roads in three town,	4 00

D. M. Lufkin, extra work and breaking roads to Feb. 22, '87,	27 62
S. M. Morse, work on culvert end breaking roads,	15 00
W. W. Wilkinson, for tax he paid and we abated,	3 97
A. W. Avery, on account of cemeteries,	82 65
W. W. Wilkinson, bal. of salary for 1885,	15 00
For gin bought for liquor agent,	15 00
Geo. W. Little, supervisor services,	12 00
J. A. Penniman, " "	10 00
M. A. Ferrin, " "	20 00
G. W. & J. S. Martin, breaking roads,	2 50
" " " watering trough,	3 00
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	5 50
Hiram Clark, justice fees,	3 00
T. E. Bayley, for police and services Board of Health,	13 00
J. P. Huckins, driving and care of hearse,	75 00
Ed B. Greenleaf, over work on highways,	6 30
Epes J. Calley, recording births and deaths,	16 15
Smith Piper, for care of tramps and notices,	2 25
John H. Webster, paid for work on Kidder & Smith bridges,	27 95
Dr. T. Rogers, certificates births and deaths,	3 60
" " services on Board of Health,	5 00
Willis Kidder, Pd for breaking roads to Mar. 1, '87,	42 73
Sol A. Smith, gravel used on highway,	3 00
O. B. Copeland, Financial Agt. school Dist. No. 2,	300 00
E. S. Weeks, breaking roads to March 1st,	24 75
E. L. Smith, " " " "	11 73
W. W. Wilkinson, part services as collector for '86,	75 00
Epes J. Calley, town clerk,	75 00
P. Fox, services selectman,	150 00
A. W. Avery, "	125 00
G. P. Cook, "	100 00
C. J. Gould, treasurer,	100 00
" " repairs street lamps,	20 25
David R. Bartlett, breaking roads,	14 82
E. K. Smith, over work breaking sidewalks,	5 40
Dr. Robert Burns, certificates births and deaths,	2 50

Freeman T. Evans, breaking roads,	9 24
E. E. Merrill, " "	4 25
Noah J. Nutting, " "	34 62
N. P. Rogers, for use of Town Hall 8 times,	50 00
P. Fox, sundries,	54 23
Board of Education, for services,	70 00
Paid auditors,	5 00
Geo. P. Cook, services overseer poor,	30 00
P. H. Crawford, liquor agent,	18 75
John Keniston, services on Board of Health,	5 00
	3702 07

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

By cash for sale lots,	57 00
" from town,	82 65
	139 65
To cash paid for paint and nails,	3 75
H. W. George for shrubs,	7 00
Moses Sargent, labor,	5 00
P. H. Crawford for posts,	22 40
B. F. Gould, labor,	33 00
Simeon Eastman, labor,	5 00
W. F. Langdon for manure,	8 00
Henry Cummings, team,	5 00
J. N. Smith, labor,	18 00
G. W. Garland, labor,	7 50
A. W. Avery, services,	25 00
	139 65
Due for lots sold not paid for,	86 63

A. W. Avery, *Superintendent.*

LIQUOR AGENT.

By amount of liquors taken,	307 37
liquors bought,	15 27
Cash for selling,	18 75
Net profit,	2 64
	344 03

To liquors turned over March 1st,	184 66
Cash paid Treasurer,	147 52
" " " ",	11 85

	344 03

PRENTICE H. CRAWFORD, *Agent.*

We have intended to put the price on liquors so there would not be much gain or loss to the town.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN

To taxes in hand of collector 1885,	1641 82
Abatement,	40 36
	1682 18
Assessed for 1886,	9364 84
Abatement,	88 05
	9452 89

From State Treasurer as follows:

Rail road tax,	2083	22
Savings Bank tax,	1474	98
Literary fund,	221	44
Insurance,	39	00
	3818	64
Justice fines,	148	44
Cash of liquor agents,	165	03
License billiard and pool tables,	60	00
License for circus,	15	00
Cash of Holderness lighting bridge 1885,	10	00
" " " " 1886,	10	00
" " " " endorsed on Langdon note,	10	00
" " " " of County,	481	00
" " " " of Victor Road Machine Co.,	17	50
Abatement on highway taxes,	40	93
	15911	61

By paid State tax,	1792 00
County tax,	1801 68
Board of Education,	4989 60
Fire precinct,	750 00
Overseer poor,	827 67
Miscellaneous.	3702 07

By paid Police services,	171 00
T. Cheney note taken up,	680 45
Lydia Kimball,	29 82
Interest H. Clark note,	8 00
Isabel Gore note,	87 00
	14839 29
Bal. tax in hand of collector,	1069 82
Non-resident highway tax,	2 50
	1072 32

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Due from lots sold in cemetery,	86 63
County support of paupers,	244 41
Collector 1886 tax,	1069 82
Cash in hand of treasurer,	249 86
Due from town of Warren for pauper acct,	4 48
Due on J. F. Langdon note,	939 44
Liquors, etc., in hand of agent,	184 66
	2779 30

LIABILITIES.

Due P. Fox for Tile used in highway Dist. No. 2,	617 00
The above amount of highway taxes was put into the hands of the collector and paid into Treasury.	

Balance in favor of the town, \$2,162 00

Respectfully submitted,

PLUMMER FOX, } Selectmen
A. W. AVERY, } of
GEO. P. COOK, } Plymouth.

REPORTS OF THE OVERSEER OF POOR.

REPORT OF D. H. CURRIER, OVERSEER OF POOR. RECEIPTS.

By cash of town,	100 00
" from Co. of Grafton,	549 62
	649 62

EXPENDITURES.

To paid Brailly,	5 42
Mary Grey to May 29,	36 00
Della Hammond,	67 75
Nellie Turner,	91 13
Transient,	4 00
Luther Webber,	86 00
Mrs. Ripley,	23 50
Betsey Blodgett,	4 50
Mrs. Horace Eastman,	12 00
Wm. Webber,	8 50
Fanny Clark,	13 50
Arnold Sleeper and wife,	13 50
C. B. Adams,	12 00
Henry Chapman F. H. W.,	22 00
Stationery, stamps, etc.,	18 75
	418 55

Balance paid Town Treasurer,	231 07
	231 07

Due from county,	55 00
	55 00

D. H. CURRIER, *Overseer*

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR FROM JUNE 1, 1886, TO MARCH 1, 1887.

June 9, Received of town,	50 00
July " "	100 00
Aug 30 " "	100 00
Sep 29, " "	100 00
Nov 5, " "	50 00
	400 00

Nov 11	"	county,	406 03
11,	"	Currier account,	55 00
			—
			461 03
Dec 27	"	Town,	150 00
		1887.	
Feb. 1,		Received of town,	100 00
			—
			250 00
Feb. 5,		Received of Town of Warren for Mrs. Colby,	32 00
28,	"	" Town of Plymouth,	75 67
Mar 1,	"	" "	2 00
			—
			1220 70

PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

William Webber and wife,	152 18
Fare to County Farm,	1 50
Fannie Clark,	22 50
Fare to County Farm and return,	2 50
Anna B. Eastman,	64 50
Luther Webber and wife	190 00
Arnold Sleeper and wife,	64 50
Solon Currier at Concord Asylum,	66 15
Mary Gray and children,	14 00
Transient,	5 25
Simeon S. Moulton, transient,	6736

PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Della Hammond,	52 00
Charles Hunkins,	35 50
State Industrial School, Lougee girl,	43 50
Jacob Morrison and wife,	129 78
Charles E. Sanborn,	17 00
Martha E. Colby (town of Warren)	32 00
Paid Burleigh and Adams for pauper notice and advice,	8 48
Postage and stationery,	2 00
	—
	970 70
Balance paid Town Treasurer,	250 00

GEORGE P. COOK, Overseer of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHAS. J. GOULD, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF
PLYMOUTH.

1886.	DR.
Mar. 16, To cash, Joseph P. Huckins,	471 18
16, J. T. Langdon endorsed on note,	10 00
16, Burleigh & Adams, fine from State v. Lovely,	5 00
17, To cash town of Holderness light- ing bridge 1885,	10 00
Apr. 3, To cash, Warren W. Wilkinson, collector 1885 taxes,	484 52
28, To cash, Victor Road Machine Co., in settlement of suit,	17 50
May 1, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, 1885 taxes,	521 43
5, E. J. Calley, clerk revenues license B. Tables,	47 00
June 5, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, collector 1885 taxes,	145 57
July 7, To cash, P. Fox circus license, 3, " " Warren W. Wilkinson, collector 1885 taxes,	15 00
3, To cash D. H. Currier, money due the town on settlement as over- seer of poor,	92 74
Aug 21, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, collector taxes 1885,	231 07
Sept. 4, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, collector taxes 1886,	173 77
4, To cash, note payable to Hellen M. Clark 4 per cent.,	2844 76
Oct. 2, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, collector 1886 taxes,	500 00
Nov 6, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, collector taxes 1885,	460 29
	104 00

Nov. 7; To cash E. J. Calley, revenue license of billiard tables,	9 00
6, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, collector 1886 taxes,	996 66
11, To cash, Geo. P. Cook, overseer of poor, money used by him for county paupers,	250 00
Dec. 4, To cash, Warren W. Wilkinsn collector 1886 taxes,	801 62
4, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, collector 1885 taxes, 1887.	70 00
Jan. 1, To cash Warren W. ilkinson, collector 1886 taxes,	790 12
14, To cash Solon A. Carter' State Treas., literary fund,	221 44
To cash insurance tax,	39 00
To cash, rail road tax,	2083 22
Savings bank tax,	1474 98
Feb. 1. To cash E. J. Calley, clerk, revenue license on billiard tables,	4 00
5, To cash Warren W. Wilkinson, collector 1886 taxes,	401 57
25 To cash, Warren W. Wilkinson, collector, bal. of taxes 1885,	90 15
25, To cash, selectmen justice fines,	143 44
25. " " T. E. Bayley, agent for liquor sold,	18 51
25, To cash, P. H. Crawford, agent for liquor sold,	147 52
26, To cash, Warren W. Wilkinson, collector, 1886 taxes,	88 05
26, To cash, town of Holderness lighting bridge for 1886,	10 00
Mar1, Warren W. Wilkinson, collector 1886 taxes,	2000 00
	15773 11

1886.	CR.
Apr. 7, By cash paid H. J. Nutting, sheep killed by dogs,	18 00
12, By cash paid Manson L. Brown sheep killed by dogs,	27 00
23, By cash paid E. Gerry Morse Isebel Gore note, principal,	62 00
Interest, 4½ c,	25 00
June 14, By cash paid William B. Nichols, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
Sept. 15, By cash paid Frank L. Hughes, County Treas., county tax,	1801 68
1887.	
Jan. 1, By cash paid D. B. Mitchell, non-resident highway tax,	2 00
13, By cash paid Solan A. Carter, State Treas., State tax for 1886,	1792 00
14, By cash paid L. M. Howe, Admr., Timothy Cheney note, principal,	597 00
Interest 4 per cent.,	83 45
14, By cash paid Henry W. Mitchell non-resident highway tax,	50
Feb. 4, By cash paid Helen M. Clark note principle,	500 00
Interest 4 per cent.	8 00
24, By cash paid highway tax abated for 1884,	9 77
24, By cash paid State, County, town and school tax abated for 1885,	30 59
26, By cash paid highway taxes abated for 1885,	30 28
26, By cash paid State, county, town and school tax abated for 1886,	57 77
26, By cash paid Lydia R. Kimball note and interest to date,	29 82
Mar. 1, To paid 153 Selectmens orders,	10440 34
1, 1 order from 1885,	5 05
	15,523 25
Bal. deposited in Pemigewasset National Bank,	240 86

CHARLES J. GOULD, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Superintendent of Cemeteries and Overseers of the Poor of Plymouth for the year ending March 1st, 1887, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. RUSSELL, }
HIRAM CLARK, } *Auditors.*

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

In the near future, a time to which some of us are likely to come, the skill and knowledge of medical men will be as persistently and earnestly devoted to the prevention of disease as they now are to its cure. In that coming good time when questioned as to the probable cause of some prevalent epidemic, it will not satisfy the intelligent querist, for the medical man to simply look wise, solemn and mysterious and attribute too much to an inscrutable visitation of Providence.

The researches of the painstaking investigators have given us sufficient data to warrant the conclusion that filth, living or dead, organic or inorganic, visible or invisible, solid, liquid or gaseous, and conveyed into the system through the medium of the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe, is without doubt a prolific cause of preventable diseases, such as typhoid fever, diphtheria, malarial fevers, etc. Now if it is a fact, and we believe it is, that all zymotic and contagious diseases are propagated through the medium of air or water, besides being the medium for the transmission of the ova and embryos of the various parasites that infest and afflict the internal organs of man.

In view of these facts, how important that the attention of the public is called to the great importance of sanitary work in order to place our towns in the best possible condition to resist all preventable diseases. The surroundings of an individual always exert an influence for good or ill upon his health. A filthy, undrained soil always possesses a nest-egg for the inculcation of disease. The polluted soil poisons the air, renders wells unfit for use and sends its poisonous material into our dwellings and to places where our food and drinks are kept and if laden with disease germs is a factor in producing fatal disease.

The board of health should have the co-operation of all intelligent and good citizens to secure the best sanitary regulations in a community, for what will it avail individual effort if his neighbor, criminally indifferent, poisons the neighborhood?

The water supply for the town of Plymouth we believe is as pure and good as aqueduct water will average through the state.

Having occasion to investigate the water supply of the village in August last the Board of Health took water from a service water faucet in the village and sent it to the State Board of Health

for a chemical examination, and we beg leave to submit the conclusion of the report of the chemist:

EXPLANATION AND OPINION.

A yellowish color may result from vegetable matter, especially if decaying, or it may be due to iron. In this case it is due to iron. The small amount of free ammonia shows that decay is not going on in this water.

The albuminoid ammonia is high for well water but quite low for aqueduct water. It shows that there is not a large amount of organic matter present for such water.

The low amount of chlorine, notwithstanding the trace of nitric acid, shows the absence of sewage and animal matter.

The trace of nitric acid is received from the atmosphere.

I believe this water is better than the average aqueduct water.

[Signed] EDMOND R. ANGELL.

Derry, N. H., Aug. 27, 1886.

We would respectfully recommend to our successors that the water supply of the town be frequently examined for the purpose of determining its purity and secondly to note from time to time the elements that enter in to render it unhealthy as a beverage, so that it will be possible in time to determine the contaminating elements and intelligent action taken in the premises to render the source of water supply pure.

We can congratulate the citizens of Plymouth in the fact that we have not during the past year been visited by an epidemic disease. There has not been a case of scarlet fever or diphtheria reported to the health officers during the year, and of typhoid fever there has been four cases and each and every case, so far as our knowledge extends were upon investigation found to be imported from surrounding towns, only one being fatal.

Less complaints of excessive filth or of gross neglect on the part of tenants or house-holders have come before this Board than before our predecessors. Early in the summer a code of regulations, as specific as possible were prepared, which we claim if fairly tried will almost entirely do away with any of the common nuisances so often dangerous and always offensive.

In regard to the sewerage in the village district a few words may be in order. There was constructed in June '86 on Russell street a sewer of six and eight inches diameter, in length three

hundred and sixty feet. The cost of material amounted to about \$90.00 and of labor about \$70.00. One-half of the highway taxes in District No 2 was appropriated to the construction of sewers, amounting to eleven hundred dollars. July 7, '86 the Selectmen, upon petition of the Board of Health and others laid out a sewer from Langdon street, near Frank C. Calley's eastward across the Webster lot and through Cook place to Main street, which, when constructed, will be about twelve hundred feet long. An intercepting sewer has been planned of about one hundred feet in length across Main street near the south end of the common.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRISTRAM ROGERS, } *Board*
JOHN KENISTON, } *of*
T. E. BAYLEY, } *Health.*

REPORT OF FIREWARDS.

PLYMOUTH VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1887.

To the Citizens of Plymouth Village Fire District. Gentlemen:—

Agreeably to the statute requirements, your Board of Firewards would respectfully submit the following brief report of its doings for the year past:

At the annual meeting held one year ago, the District made choice of Chauncey A. Fellows, Benjamin F. St.Clair and Joseph F. Wiggin, Firewards. Mr. Wiggin never qualified. The business engagements of the First Fireward were such that he felt compelled to call a special meeting of the District, among other things to receive his resignation and fill the two vacancies which would then exist. The special meeting was held July 3d, 1886. Mr. Fellows tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Miron W. Hazeltine was chosen to fill the vacancy thus created, and John T. Cutter, Third Fireward, vice Mr. Wiggin.

CONTRACT.

In the fall of 1885, it will be remembered, a committee, consisting of Alvin Burleigh, Charles A. Jewell and Nathan H. Weeks, was appointed by the District to draft a new contract with the Plymouth Aqueduct and Water Company, the old one proving to be the cause of considerable friction between the two parties thereto. This draft was first submitted to the District at the special meeting spoken of above, and was, after discussion and one or two adjournments, ratified by the District, and the same Committee was authorized to enter into such an agreement with the said Plymouth Aqueduct and Water Company, through its agents. After some delay on the part of both parties the Committee notified the Board of Firewards that the new contract had been signed by the properly constituted officers of the Aqueduct and Water Company, but before they, (the committee,) signed it they desired an expression from the Board of Firewards on the advisability of their doing so, owing to the length of time that had elapsed. After some discussion consent was granted, though the Board was of the opinion that no such action on its part was necessary, as the District had not limited the time in which the com-

mittee was to act. Accordingly, on September 15, 1886, the Board was further notified by the Committee that the contract was duly executed by both parties, and a copy of the same was placed in the hands of the Firewards, since when it has been entered upon the District's records. Your Committee on Contract will report more fully in regard to the features of that document. The District is to be congratulated on this peaceable solution of the difficulties which at one time threatened to end in a big law-suit.

PAYMENTS.

In accordance with the provisions of the contract the Treasurer of the Firewards met the Treasurer of the Water Company on the fourth (4th) day of October, 1886, and paid the amount due the Water Company, being \$577.97. As the first payment under the new contract fell due January 1, 1886, and the second July 1, 1886, it became necessary to pay the Water Company eight months' interest on the first payment and three months' interest on the second payment. As under the contract the rent from July 1, 1886, to Jan. 1, 1887, became due on the latter date, and whereas no provision had been made by the District to meet it, the company, by its officers, waived its right of annulment of contract, and extended the time of payment to July 1st of the present year, provided interest is paid on the same from Jan. 1, 1887, to that time. The Firewards hold their written agreement to that effect. It will be seen, then, that next July there will be due the company the sum of \$685.13, \$675 rent and \$10.13 interest. Further, not only must this sum be provided for at the present time, but also the six months' rental due January 1, 1888.

WATER SUPPLY.

Almost immediately after the election of the present Board of Firewards, they proceeded to make an exhaustive survey of the new reservoir, that they might not only have a correct idea of it, but so as to enable your committee on contract to act intelligently. They found that while at the gate there was a depth of water of 12 feet, 2 inches, the average depth of the pond as ascertained by 44 soundings made over the body of the reservoir was 9 feet 2 inches, showing the bottom to be very nearly level. The dimensions of the pond, exclusive of a small portion next the road on the south side is 130 feet by 175 feet. At no time during the past

year has there been less than 10 feet of water at the outlet. Should the reservoir ever be drawn down to the four feet called for in the contract it would give an average of three feet over the body of the pond. Late last fall the water company raised the dam on the north side some three or four feet so that when full there will be at least 16 feet of water at the outlet. It must be further remembered that last summer the railroad folks were drawing from 30,000 to 40,000 gallons per day for use in their engines. This draft has since ceased, the railroad getting their water by other means. So far as human foresight and experience can plan for the future it would seem that all the provision possible against fires has been made. We confidently expect there will be no more trouble on that score.

FIREs.

While other places, both in and out of the State have met with most disastrous fires, it is a matter of profound thankfulness that we have been entirely exempt from anything of the kind. At the same time we have had several extremely narrow escapes from what might have been serious fires. There was one alarm of fire, caused by a chimney burning out, to which the fire company responded with such commendable alacrity as to be the cause of much favorable comment on the part of some, at least, of our most substantial citizens. We are confident our company is composed of as good material as any, and in case you shall be so unfortunate as to need their services they will not be found wanting. It is a curious circumstance that in nearly every place where a village like ours has been nearly annihilated by fire the published accounts close with the suggestive words, "they had no apparatus for the extinguishment of fires." In some cases in these towns, the insurance companies are refusing to take more risks at any rate. Prudence would seem to dictate that we continue our support to the fire department. So long as we have no fires it seems a somewhat costly luxury, and if we knew we were not to be so afflicted for a long series of years it might be well to dispense with it, but no such pleasing assurance is vouchsafed to us.

APPARATUS.

Nothing new has been provided for the very good reason we have had no means to do with. It has been a cause of no little

solicitude on the part of all connected with the department the helpless condition we would find ourselves placed in should there be any occasion for the use of the apparatus much of the time during the winter. It is all the company, with its present force, can do to properly man the hose carriage when there is no snow on the ground, and then only in the vicinity of Main street. On many of these stormy and windy winter days and nights it would be simply impossible to move that long-axed, narrow-wheeled hose carriage beyond the hose house doors. It was a mistake procuring such a carriage, but having it we must make the best of it. What we would suggest to our successors is the desirability of having a set of runners made, of suitable dimensions, for the reel to rest on, so as to make the hose and other appurtenances available for use in the quickest possible manner in case of an emergency. The cost cannot be otherwise than small. We hope to see this accomplished in season for the snows of another winter. Early in the year we had the engine thoroughly overhauled and repaired. The apparatus generally is in good condition, other than the ladders, procured a few years since. We are very sorry to say they are badly powder-posted. Your Board understands the worm which causes the mischief commenced operations almost as soon as they were procured, although they were thoroughly painted. We doubt somewhat whether they would stand the strain required of them if called into practical use.

HYDRANTS.

The hydrants have remained in most excellent condition. They have been frequently examined. We must say that, after considerable observation and inquiry, we have no faith in the efficiency of banking them as a preventive of freezing. To all appearances it is time and money thrown away. If they will freeze without banking, they certainly will with. We banked some of them last fall because it has been customary so to do, but we recommend a discontinuance of the custom. There are at present twenty-seven.

ESTIMATES.

Your Board respectfully submit the following estimate of the amount necessary to meet the expenses of the next year. For rent of hydrants \$1022.63 as follows:

6 mos. rent to Jan. 1, 1887,	\$337 50
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Interest on same 6 mos.,	10 13
6 mos. rent to July 1, 1887,	337 50
“ “ “ Jan. 1, 1888,	337 50

	\$1,022 63
M. E. Society, ground rent to Jan. '88,	20 00
Incidental expenses to March 1, 1888,	100 00

Total,	\$1,142 63

It will be seen that this sum provides for eighteen months' rent. This once paid it will not be necessary another year to raise so large a sum by about \$350. As there is no statute provision whereby the District can incur debts, it becomes absolutely necessary for the District to meet its obligations as they become due. .

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, gentlemen, we have only this to say. We have managed the affairs of the District with as much frugality as possible. Unlike the custom for several years back no officer of the District has made any charge for his services. Appended to this report is the schedule of the property of this District and the financial statement. We deem it but proper to explain the difference in the schedule of the District's property as returned by us this year, and that returned one year ago. At that time the Firewards returned as District property a long list of articles which belong to either the hose company or its individual members, property which the District does not own and never did.

DISTRICT PROPERTY.

- 1 two-story hose-house.
- 2 two-wheeled hose carriage with fixtures.
- 1 hand fire engine.
- 900 feet fabric hose with couplings.
- 104 " leather " " "
- 250 " 1½ inch rubber hose with couplings.
- 50 " 2 " " suction hose.
- 100 " 1 " " hose with couplings.
- 2 flexible leather discharge pipe with nozzles.

1 fabric discharge pipe with stop.
 1 brass " " for 1½ inch hose.
 30 rubber fire buckets, nearly worthless.
 3 hydrant gates.
 4 " wrenches.
 4 hose jackets.
 2 rubber coats and one rubber cap.
 1 reducer.
 5 fireward's badges.
 10 hose spanners.
 5 ladders.
 1 parlor stove rnd fixtures.
 22 wood chairs.
 1 table.
 1 table lamp.
 2 double hanging lamps.
 1 bracket lamp.
 2 hydrants, one perfect, one useless.
 1 box stove and fixtures.
 1 hammer.
 ¼ cord wood,
 1 record book.
 1 oil can.

MIRON W. HAZELTINE,
 BENJAMIN F. ST. CLAIR,
 JOHN T. CUTTER, } *Firewards of
Plymouth
Village Fire Dist.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MIRON W. HAZELTINE, TREASURER FIREWARDS, IN ACCOUNT
WITH PLYMOUTH VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT.

DR.

1886.

July 24, Received of Chauncey A. Fellows,	
first fireward,	3 29
Sept. 4, Received of selectmen,	60 00
Oct. 4, " "	577 97

1887.

Jan. 3, Received of selectmen,	87 03
	728 29

1886.	CR.	
Sept. 7, Pd Chase R. Dame, Treas., Hose Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ Firemans pay,	50 00	
7, Pd Webster, Russell & Co., supplies,	83	
7, Benj. F. St. Clair, supplies,	47	
7, Fred A. Batchelder, cleaning and repairing hand engine,	3 00	
7, Wm. R. Davis, janitor 6 months,	3 00	
28, E. B. Greenleaf, removing hydrant banking,	2 00	
Oct. 4, John Mason, Treas., Water Co., water rent,	577 97	
Nov 20, Blodgett & Kenniston, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood,	2 25	
20, A. E. Downing, sawing wood,	50	
1887.		
Jan. 10, M. E. Society, land rent,	20 00	
16, Burleigh & Adams, insurance policy, house house,	7 50	
16, M. A. Ferrin, use Court House,	2 00	
Feb. 1, Chas. R. Dame, Treas., Hose Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ fireman's pay,	50 00	
1, W. R. Davis, bal. services janitor and supplies,	3 50	
22, E. B. Greenleaf, banking hydrants,	4 00	
	727 02	
Balanich in my hands,	1 27	

MIRON W. HAZELTINE, *Treasurer.*

Plymouth, N. H., March 1, 1887.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. RUSSELL,
PLUMMER FOX,
A. W. AVERY, } *Auditors.*

Correct Attest:

BENJ. F. ST. CLAIR, } *Firewards.*
JOHN T. CUTTER, }

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{~~} To the Inhabitants of Plymouth in the County of
 {L. S.} Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.
 {~~} You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
 said Plymouth on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine
 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1.—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 3.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray
 town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of
 the same.
- 4.—To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the highway
 from S. M. Morse's east line by Joseph A. Bartlett's to the
 end of the road.
- 5.—To see what sum of money the Town will vote to pay fire-
 men.
- 6.—To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to
 decorate soldiers' graves.
- 7.—To see if the Town will vote to raise money for the Library
 Association to buy an Encyclopedia and how much.
- 8.—To see if the Town will vote to raise the highway tax in mon-
 ey and how much, and in what way it shall be expended.
- 9.—To see if the Town will vote to exempt J. E. Chapman's ma-
 chinery and stock-in-trade from taxation for ten years.
- 10.—To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a
 term of ten years the Granite State Glove Company and the
 buildings they may occupy for manufacturing if they should
 locate here.
- 11.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to building
 a hall in connection with the County and Court House, if
 such an arrangement can be made.
- 12.—To see how much money the Town will raise for the purpose
 of lighting streets.
- 13.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow
 money to pay the debts of the Town and give notes for the
 same.

14.—To see if the Town will vote to raise money to buy a pair of harnesses to be used with Town hearse.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

PLUMMER FOX, } *Selectmen*
A. W. AVERY, } *of*
GEO. P. COOK, } *Plymouth.*

A true copy—attest:

PLUMMER FOX, } *Selectmen*
A. W. AVERY, } *of*
GEO. P. COOK, } *Plymouth.*

FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. } To the inhabitants of Plymouth Village Fire District
 { L. S. } qualified to vote in District affairs.

{ L. S. } You are hereby notified to meet at the Court House in
 said District on the ninth day of March, A. D., 1887, at seven of
 the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- 1.—To choose a Moderator for said District for the ensuing year.
- 2.—To choose a Clerk for said District for the ensuing year.
- 3.—To hear the reports of the Firewards, Auditors and any committees heretofore chosen for the year ending March 1st, 1887, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 4.—To choose so many Firewards for the ensuing year as said District shall by vote determine.
- 5.—To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise to pay the Plymouth Aqueduct and Water Company for water rent and the Methodist society for ground rent.
- 6.—To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise for incidental and other expenses.
- 7.—To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise for the pay of Firemen.
- 8.—To choose any agents, auditors or committees and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February, A. D., 1887.

MIRON W. HAZELTINE,
 BENJAMIN F. ST. CLAIR,
 JOHN T. CUTTER, } *Firewards of
Plymouth Vill.
Fire District.*

A true copy of warrant, attest:

MIRON W. HAZELTINE,
 BENJAMIN F. ST. CLAIR,
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